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DETAILED ACTION

This application is an original application filed January 18, 2000, which claims benefit to foreign applications: PCT/GB99/02658, filed December 8, 1998; 9817566.4, filed August 12 1998; and 9910522.3, filed May 6, 1999, all filed in the United Kingdom.

Claims 8-16, 28 and 31, 33-36 are pending.

Examiner's Comment

Applicant contacted the office September 28, 2005, regarding the notice of allowance that received. Specifically, it was noted that three typographical errors appeared in the supplemental amendment. Examiner agreed that the errors were typographical, and indicated that he would correct them in a supplemental Examiner's amendment. The amendments were to claim 35 to correct two occurrences where 5'OT-EST were mistyped as S'OT-EST, and where 111 appeared where the word "full" should have been.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

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Examiner's Amendment

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview on September 28, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claim 35 with:

35. A method for the detection of mutations, polymorphisms or other changes in 5'OT-EST which may predispose an individual to obesity, said method comprising hybridizing a nucleic acid sample from an individual to a detectable labeled probe that is capable of hybridizing to a sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) any one of SEQ ID NOs 1, 3 or 5, and (b) a sequence at least 90% identical over the full length of one of SEQ ID NOs 1, 3 or 5, and detecting a mutation, polymorphism or other change in 5'OT-EST sequence relative to SEQ ID NOs 1, 3 or 5 in said individual, wherein the mutation, polymorphism or other change in 5'OT-EST may predispose the individual to obesity.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

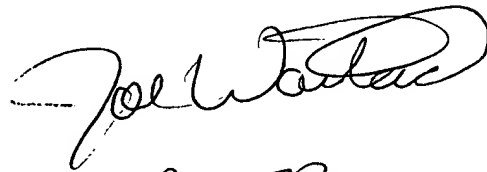
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (571) 272-0739.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, can be reached at (571) 272-0735.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group analyst Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

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